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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 6, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the **Claims** as pending are included beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.